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PATENT APPLICATION

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Docket No.:	P-8024.02	)

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected claims 35-44 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-53 of U.S. Patent No. 6,617,142 B2, Applicants hereby provide a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory

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term of U.S. Patent 6,617,142 as the term of that patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of that patent is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. Although Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejection, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicants are submitting the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer obviates the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Applicants respectfully request that claims 35-44 pending in the present application proceed to issuance.

If there are any remaining matters, Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted for,  
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